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## GILLULY AND BOLLE TO BE HONORED AT CAPITOL ROTUNDA EVENT

Noted Montana journalist and historian Sam Gilluly and forester and educator Arnold Bolle will be inducted into the Gallery of Outstanding Montanans in ceremonies in the Capitol Rotunda Wednesday, April 11, in Helena.

Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger will speak at the public event to honor the lives and careers of two of the people who helped shape the history of Montana. The Montana Historical Society administers the gallery, which was established in 1979.

Inductees must have made major contributions of state or national significance in their selected fields of endeavor while epitomizing the unique spirit and character that defines Montana.

Gilluly was born in Billings in 1908 and followed in the footsteps of his father, a pioneering Montana newsman, by receiving his journalism degree at what was then known as Montana State University in Missoula.

After receiving his degree in 1930, Gilluly married his college classmate Esther Hart of Missoula, and the couple had three children.

After a brief stint as a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune, Gilluly began a 28-year tenure as editor of the Glasgow Courier. As editor, he covered all aspects of the building of the Fort Peck Dam and later turned his ever-watchful eye to the development of the Glasgow Air Force Base.

His motto was that a "vigorous editorial page was essential to a newspaper," and he produced one or two opinion stories for each edition of the Courier through his 28 years there.

In 1960 Gilluly moved to Helena where he first served as the publications editor for the Montana Chamber of Commerce and later as the director of the Montana Historical Society. In 1974 Gilluly was lured back to the journalism world serving as director of the Montana Press Association until 1979.

Among his many accomplishments was his leadership in pushing through freedom of information legislation that shined more light on government operations and meetings.

His last gift to the state was his history of Montana newspapers published in his book “The Press Gang.” He died in 1984.

Arnold Bolle was born in 1912 in Wisconsin, and his love for the outdoors drew him to Montana in 1934 when he entered the University of Montana’s School of Forestry. There he met his wife, Helen Swan, the daughter of famed Forest Service photographer K.D. Swan, and they eventually had three children.

From 1937 to 1955 Bolle worked for the Soil Conservation Service. Thereafter, except for brief periods to continue his education at Harvard, where he received both his masters and doctorate, Bolle remained at UM as a teacher, dean and academic vice president until retiring in 1978.

In 1971 at the direction of U.S. Sen. Lee Metcalf, Bolle and his colleagues produced what became known as “The Bolle Report,” which was initially considered heretical by many in the timber industry.

The document played a key role in redirecting Forest Service policy nationwide by giving the public a greater voice in the management of forests.

At the same time, he transformed UM's forestry program from one focused almost solely on timber harvesting to one that addressed the management of forests more holistically. His curriculum development influenced almost every other forestry school in the nation.

In 1994 UM established the Bolle Center for People and Forests. Through his work, Bolle changed the way that people across the nation viewed their forests and other public lands. He died in 1994.

Both men will be honored with plaques in the Capitol Hall.